

Certificate Requirements to Import Pet Food into Korea

The following certificate should be printed on area office letterhead and serve as the export certificate for the export of pet food to Korea. The facility must be inspected annually by VS to allow for verification of certificate requirements, and official supervision.

NOTE:

- Animals from which the material was derived must have been submitted for at least ante mortem examination.
- Animals from which the material was derived must be of U.S., Canadian, or Mexican origin.
- Animal origin material (except dairy) in the pet food must have been derived from animals slaughtered in the U.S.

Attestation of Treatment

- **To make a certification of treatment, Veterinary Services must verify by inspection the treatment method.**

Pet food originating in areas that Korea considers free of END:

Information provided by Korea to APHIS indicates:

- If one of the three possible treatments is certified, then product will be exempt from the quarantine process in Korea. If production process does not include one of these treatments, then none of the treatments are required, but the quarantine in Korea could be lengthy. HOWEVER, exporters should have their importers confirm this information for their shipments prior to shipping.

Pet food originating in areas that Korea considers affected by END:

- **As of April 24, 2003, these areas are all of California and Nevada, and areas 10 km from affected premises in Arizona and Texas.**
- **Pet food originating from these areas must be certified as having been treated with one of the first two treatment options on the following certificate.**

Health Certificate No. _____

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**Veterinary Sanitary Certificate for the Export of Pet Food from the United States to
Korea**

I. Identification

Name and address of Consignor:

Name and address of Consignee:

Name and address of Producing Plant of pet food:

Method of shipment:

Date of shipment:

Container and seal number:

Place of shipping if different than consignor:

Description of products included in shipment:

Name of product(s):

Type of packaging:

Number of packages:

Net weight of pet food (should match shipping invoice):

The pet food was produced from raw material of the following species:

II. Attestation

The undersigned official veterinarian certifies the following information regarding the pet food shown on this certificate as shipped to the above consignee:

____ **The certified material was heated with moisture at a minimum of 121 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 15 minutes; OR**

____ **The certified material was heated with moisture at a minimum of 115 degrees Celsius for a minimum of 35 minutes; OR**

____ **The certified material was heated at a minimum of 160 degrees Celsius for a minimum of one hour.**

The products referred to above may be freely sold in the United States as dog or cat food and meet the requirements of the United States.

The pet food was produced from animals (including birds and fish) born and raised, or legally imported into the United States from Canada and Mexico, or in the case of fish, ocean caught.

The United States has been free of the following diseases according to OIE criteria: rinderpest, foot-and-mouth disease, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease, African swine fever, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, highly pathogenic avian influenza, and contagious bovine pleuropneumonia.

Raw materials of animal origin are of local origin and no imported meat has been included in the said product.

That the animals used in the production of the food were presented for examination at slaughter and evaluated favorably for inclusion in pet food, and were slaughtered under standards existing in the United States or in the State of origin.

The producing plant has been approved and is supervised by the U.S. government.

Dry, semi-moist, and dehydrated pet food products were sufficiently processed to assure the destruction of harmful pathogens as demonstrated by the fact that finished products (except for hermetically sealed containers) were routinely tested and found negative for salmonella.

Packaging materials:

Canned products are packaged in hermetically sealed containers.
All products are packaged in appropriate packaging material.

Precautions have been taken to avoid recontamination of the product with pathogenic agents after heat treatment.

Done at _____, on _____
(Place) (Date)

Stamp

(Signature of the official veterinarian)

(Name in capital letters, qualifications, and title)